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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

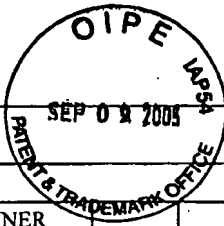
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| <i>JCC</i>          | AA | 2003/220698        | November 27, 2003 | Mears Dana et al. | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i>  | <i>1</i>    |
|                     | AB |                    |                   |                   |          |           |             |
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| <i>JCC</i>          | AL | W0 92/10138        | June 25, 1992     | PCT     | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i>  | <i>1</i> Yes<br>No |
| <i>JCC</i>          | AM | EP 1 369 089       | December 10, 2003 | Europe  | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i>  | <i>1</i> Yes<br>No |
|                     | AN |                    |                   |         |          |           | Yes<br>No          |
|                     | AO |                    |                   |         |          |           | Yes<br>No          |
|                     | AP |                    |                   |         |          |           | Yes<br>No          |

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| FIC              | AA | Des. 346,979    | May 17, 1994       | Stalcup et al. |       |           |             |
|                  | AB | Des. 357,315    | April 11, 1995     | Dietz          |       |           |             |
|                  | AC | 4,004,581       | January 25, 1977   | Heimke et al.  |       |           |             |
|                  | AD | 4,116,200       | September 26, 1978 | Braun et al.   |       |           |             |
|                  | AE | 4,658,808       | April 21, 1987     | Link           |       |           |             |
|                  | AF | 4,777,942       | October 18, 1988   | Frey et al.    |       |           |             |
|                  | AG | 5,047,033       | September 10, 1991 | Fallin         |       |           |             |
|                  | AH | 5,171,244       | December 15, 1992  | Caspari et al. |       |           |             |
|                  | AI | 5,192,283       | March 9, 1993      | Ling et al.    |       |           |             |
|                  | AJ | 5,207,680       | May 4, 1993        | Dietz          |       |           |             |
| FIC              | AK | 5,228,459       | July 20, 1993      | Caspari et al. |       |           |             |

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| FIC              | AL | EP 0 511 244    |                   | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                  | AM | EP 0 595 956    | July 21, 1992     | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                  | AN | EP 0 661 023    | December 16, 1994 | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                  | AO | EP 0 726 063    | February 12, 1996 | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                  | AP | EP 0 842 639    | November 3, 1997  | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |

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| JAC                 | BA | 5,263,498          | November 23, 1993 | Caspari et al. |       |           |             |
|                     | BB | 5,304,181          | April 19, 1994    | Caspari et al. |       |           |             |
|                     | BC | 5,344,423          | September 6, 1994 | Dietz et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | BD | 5,395,376          | March 7, 1995     | Caspari et al. |       |           |             |
|                     | BE | 5,403,320          | April 4, 1995     | Luman et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | BF | 5,468,243          | November 21, 1995 | Halpern        |       |           |             |
|                     | BG | 5,470,336          | November 28, 1995 | Ling et al.    |       |           |             |
|                     | BH | 5,474,559          | December 12, 1995 | Bertin et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | BI | 5,486,180          | January 23, 1996  | Dietz et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | BJ | 5,496,324          | March 5, 1996     | Barnes         |       |           |             |
| JAC                 | BK | 5,507,815          | April 16, 1996    | Wagner et al.  |       |           |             |

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| JAC                 | BL | EP 1 084 680       | December 16, 1994 | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                     | BM | EP 1 348 384       | March 29, 2003    | Europe  |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                     | BN | WO 02/102254       | December 27, 2002 | PCT     |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                     | BO | WO 03/082159       | October 9, 2003   | PCT     |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                     | BP | WO 03/094698       | November 20, 2003 | PCT     |       |           | Yes<br>No   |

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| <i>JCC</i>          | CA | 5,507,833          | April 16, 1996    | Bohn                |       |           |             |
|                     | CB | 5,534,005          | July 9, 1996      | Tokish, Jr. et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | CC | 5,540,694          | July 30, 1996     | DeCarlo, Jr. et al. |       |           |             |
|                     | CD | 5,569,255          | October 29, 1996  | Burke               |       |           |             |
|                     | CE | 5,593,411          | January 14, 1997  | Stalcup et al.      |       |           |             |
|                     | CF | 5,601,563          | February 11, 1997 | Burke et al.        |       |           |             |
|                     | CG | 5,607,269          | March 4, 1997     | Dowd et al.         |       |           |             |
|                     | CH | 5,643,271          | July 1, 1997      | Sederholm et al.    |       |           |             |
|                     | CI | 5,653,714          | August 5, 1997    | Dietz et al.        |       |           |             |
|                     | CJ | 5,683,395          | November 4, 1997  | Mikhail             |       |           |             |
|                     | CK | 5,743,915          | April 28, 1998    | Bertin et al.       |       |           |             |

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| <i>JCC</i>          | CL | WO 91/10408        | July 25, 1991 | PCT     |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
| <i>JCC</i>          | CM | WO 94/12123        | June 9, 1994  | PCT     |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
|                     | CN |                    |               |         |       |           | Yes<br>No   |
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| <i>PLC</i>          | DA | 5,755,803          | May 26, 1998       | Haines et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DB | 5,769,855          | June 23, 1998      | Bertin et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DC | 5,810,827          | September 22, 1998 | Haines et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DD | 5,810,830          | September 22, 1998 | Noble et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | DE | 5,853,415          | December 29, 1998  | Bertin et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DF | 5,860,981          | January 19, 1999   | Bertin et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DG | 5,879,354          | March 9, 1999      | Haines et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DH | 5,968,049          | October 19, 1999   | Rold           |       |           |             |
|                     | DI | 5,976,145          | November 2, 1999   | Kennefick, III |       |           |             |
|                     | DJ | 5,993,455          | November 30, 1999  | Noble          |       |           |             |
|                     | DK | 6,056,754          | May 2, 2000        | Haines et al.  |       |           |             |
| <i>PLC</i>          | DL | 6,120,507          | September 19, 2000 | Allard et al.  |       |           |             |
|                     | DM | 6,159,214          | December 12, 2000  | Michelson      |       |           |             |

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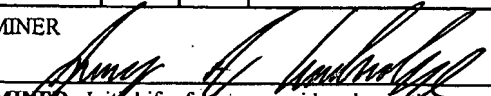
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| JSC                 | EA  | 6,197,064          | March 6, 2001      | Haines et al.     |             |           |             |
|                     | EB  | 6,197,065          | March 6, 2001      | Martin et al.     |             |           |             |
|                     | EC  | 6,270,502          | August 7, 2001     | Stulberg          |             |           |             |
|                     | ED  | 6,287,342          | September 11, 2001 | Copf et al.       |             |           |             |
|                     | EE  | 6,318,651          | November 20, 2001  | Spiering          |             |           |             |
|                     | EF  | 6,432,141          | August 13, 2002    | Stocks et al.     |             |           |             |
|                     | EG  | 6,440,139          | August 27, 2002    | Michelson         |             |           |             |
|                     | EH  | 6,508,841          | January 21, 2003   | Martin et al.     |             |           |             |
|                     | EI  | 6,589,285          | July 8, 2003       | Penenberg         |             |           |             |
|                     | JSC | EJ                 | 6,663,616          | December 16, 2003 | Roth et al. |           |             |
| EK                  |     | 6,676,706          | January 13, 2004   | Mears et al.      |             |           |             |

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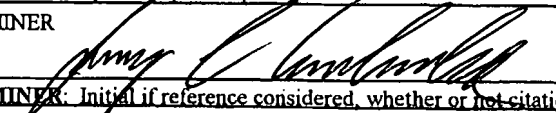
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| <i>FA</i>           | FA | 6,770,100          | August 3, 2004     | Draenert        |       |           |             |
|                     | FB | RE 38,058          | April 1, 2003      | Fallin          |       |           |             |
|                     | FC | 2003/0130740       | July 10, 2003      | Stocks et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | FD | 2003/0171756       | September 11, 2003 | Fallin et al.   |       |           |             |
|                     | FE | 2003/0187449       | October 2, 2003    | McCleary et al. |       |           |             |
| <i>FF</i>           | FF | 2004/0092951       | May 13, 2004       | Serra et al.    |       |           |             |
|                     | FG |                    |                    |                 |       |           |             |
|                     | FH |                    |                    |                 |       |           |             |
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